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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: WAKASHIRO, Teruo et al.

Group Art Unit: 2834

Serial No.: 09/695,944

Examiner: Julio C. GONZALEZ

Filed: October 26, 2000

For. CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A HYBRID VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 6,2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 6, 2002**, extended to **August 6, 2002** by a three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Correct the title of the invention to read as follows:

CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A HYBRID VEHICLE IN WHICH OUTPUT FROM THE ENGINE IS ASSISTED BY THE MOTOR BASED ON AIR-FUEL RATIO DETERMINATION.

<u>√IN THE ABSTRACT</u>:

Delete the current Abstract and replace therewith the attached substitute Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims 8-13: